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To: JudTestimony
Cc: bikewalkct@bikewalkct.org; zRepresentative Richard Smith; Zavagnin, Amanda
Subject: I support HB 5403 on pedestrian & cyclist safety

Dear Rep. Tong, Sen. Coleman, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

As a member of a local bicycle club in Connecticut and several bicycle advocacy organizations I thank you for raising HB 5403, an important measure to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use the roads. I urge the legislature to pass this bill in 2016.

Connecticut's roads need to be safer for pedestrians and cyclists. I was hit by a car last year while riding my bicycle. I was lucky to escape serious injury as the motorist clearly did not give me the legally required 3 foot safe passing distance. Two other members of our club were hit last year also. I have had numerous close calls. I now ride with a video camera to document accidents and encounters with motorists. I shouldn't need to.

We have some decent laws already but clearly they need strengthening and publicity to get motorists attention.

I follow the rules of the road, whether your walking, running, biking or driving.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Eric Schonenberg

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